

# **Delaware Sustainable Communities Planning Grant**

## **Grant Program Overview Webinar**

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# Webinar Agenda

- ✓ Review grant program
- ✓ Highlight website and additional resources
- ✓ Questions and Answers



# Who Is Eligible to Receive Grant Funds?

- Delaware municipal or county governments
  - Colleges and universities in **partnership** with one (or more) Delaware municipal or county governments
  - Nonprofit, quasi-government, & community based organizations in **partnership** with one or more municipal or county governments



# How Much Funding is Available?

Municipality/County population size	Grant funding available
Municipality/County population is GREATER than 5,000	Up to \$80,000
Municipality population is LESS than 5,000	Up to \$40,000



# Why A Planning Grant?

Failing to  
plan means  
planning to  
fail



# Why Sustainability and Climate Planning?

- ✓ Become more sustainable & **resilient**
  - Economically & socially stronger and healthier
- ✓ Get **resources** needed to achieve your vision
  - Prioritize funding
  - Secure additional grants
- ✓ Brand your town as **Green** and Sustainable
- ✓ Accelerate progress
- ✓ Builds **awareness & support**



# What Kind of Planning Projects

- ➔ Community Sustainability Plan
- ➔ Greenhouse Gas Inventory & Mitigation Plan
- ➔ Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment & Action Plan
- ➔ Natural Areas Inventory & Conservation Plan





# Community Sustainability Plan

**Include at least 2  
actions areas!**

## What it is:

A roadmap to make a community socially fair, economically strong, and environmentally healthy

## Common Sustainability action focus areas:

- ✓ Energy reduction
- ✓ Renewable energy use
- ✓ Waste reduction
- ✓ Water conservation
- ✓ Clean transportation

- ✓ Local food system
- ✓ Green infrastructure and green buildings
- ✓ Flood resiliency

**Climate Action Plan (Adaptation)**

**Climate Action Plan (Mitigation)**

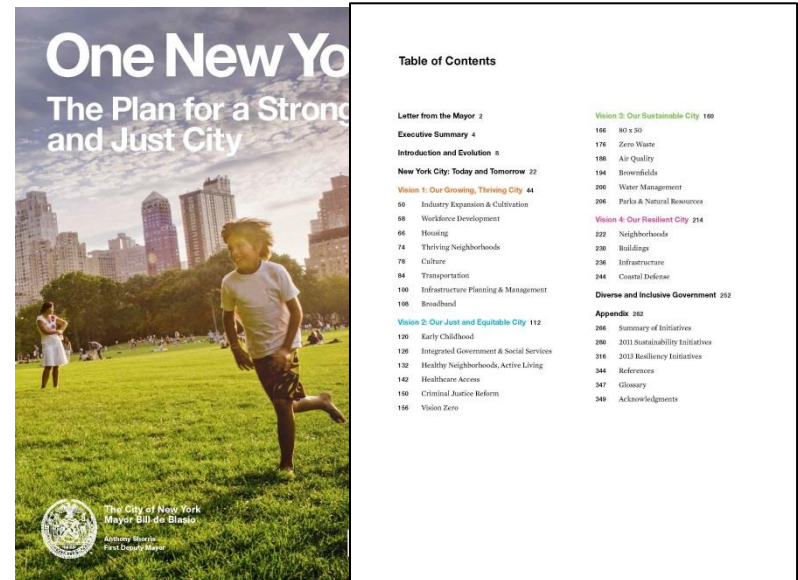


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Local sustainability plans can include **Climate Actions and Resiliency**

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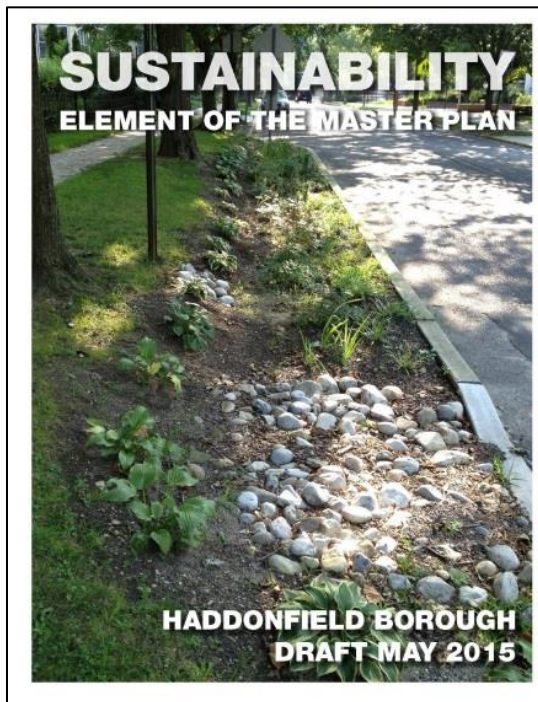
- **OneNYC Plan: New York City Sustainability and Resiliency Plan**



# Community Sustainability Plan

## Examples

- Haddonfield Borough, NJ (11,500 population)



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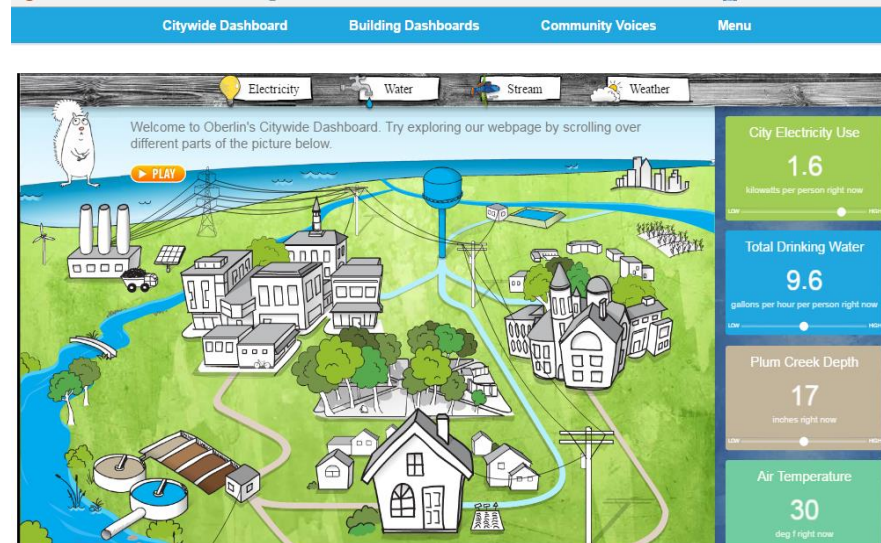
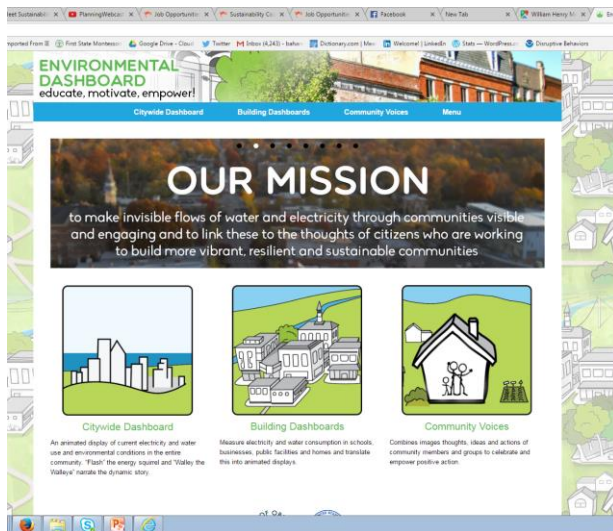
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# Community Sustainability Plan

## Examples

- The Oberlin Project. City of Oberlin, Ohio (8,300 Population)
- [Environmental Dashboard](#)

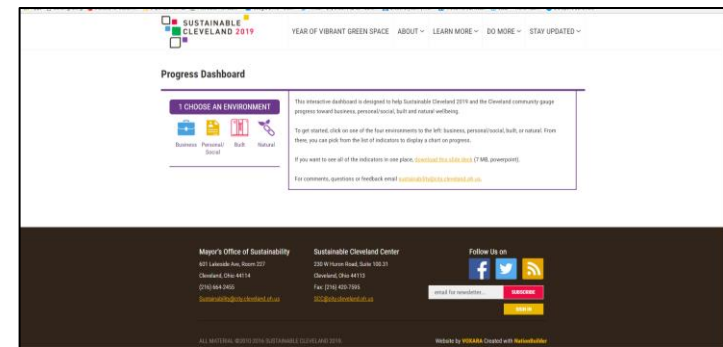
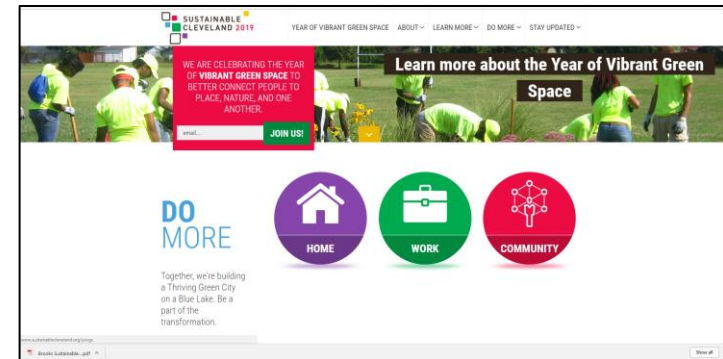
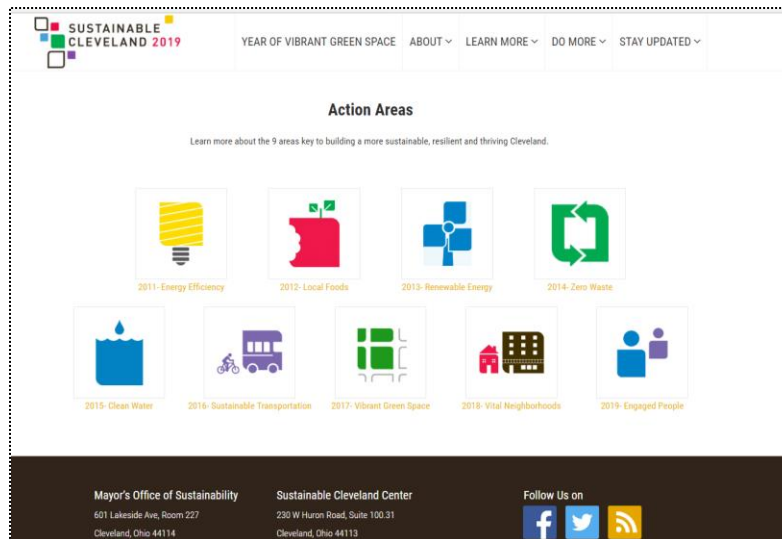




# Community Sustainability Plan

## Examples

- Sustainable Cleveland



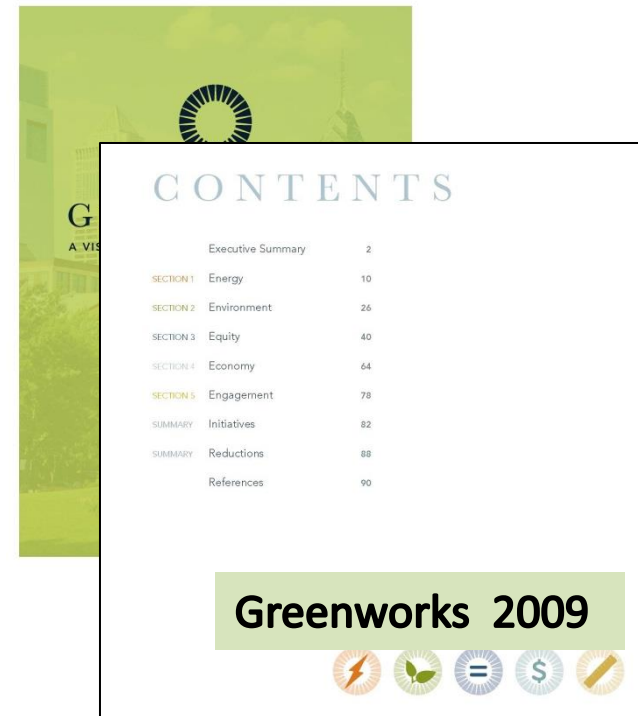
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## Examples

### Greenworks: A Vision for a Sustainable Philadelphia

#### 2016 Vision Areas:

- Accessible Food and Drinking Water
- Healthy Outdoor and Indoor Air
- Clean and Efficient Energy
- Quality Natural Resources
- Accessible, Affordable, and Safe Transportation
- Engaged Students, Stewards, and Workers



# Community Sustainability Plan

## Examples of National or regional Community Sustainability Tools

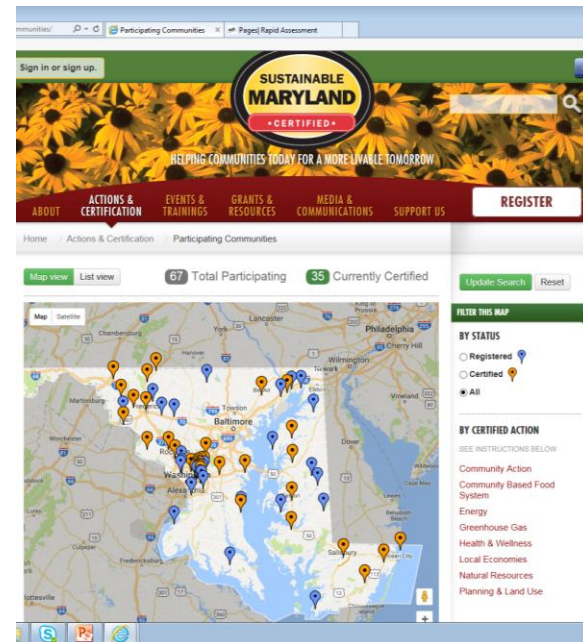
- [STAR Community](#) STAR Communities
- [LEED for Cities](#) U.S. Green Building Council
- [Comprehensive Plans for Sustaining Places](#)  
American Planning Association
- [Sustainable Communities](#) Audubon International



# Community Sustainability Plan

## Examples of regional Community Sustainability Tools

- Sustainable Maryland
- Sustainable Jersey
- PA Sustainable Communities





# Greenhouse Gas Inventory & Mitigation Plan

## What it is:

- GHG Inventory: calculation of GHG emissions in a given year
  - Can be whole town or just government operations
- Mitigation Plan: actions designed to reduce GHG emissions

## Why it is beneficial to a town:

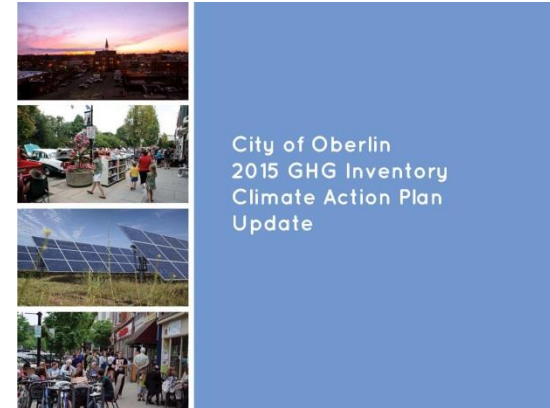
- Identifies energy inefficiencies
- Identifies opportunities for operational improvement
- Helps to allocate funding and resources effectively
- Saves money while demonstrating commitment to green practices



# Greenhouse Gas Inventory & Mitigation Plan

## Examples:

- City of Oberlin GHG Inventory and Action Plan



- City of Watervliet Climate Action Plan (population 10,000)

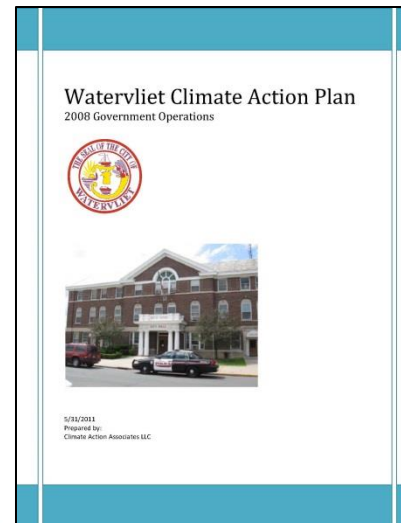


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# Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment & Action Plan

## What it is:

- Identifies vulnerabilities & risks
- Identifies actions that you can take

## Why it is beneficial to a town:

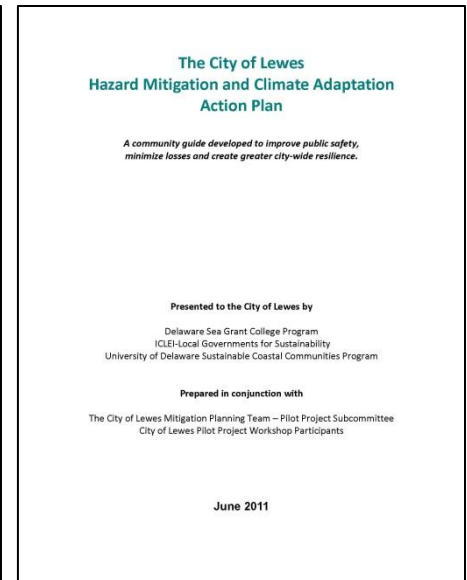
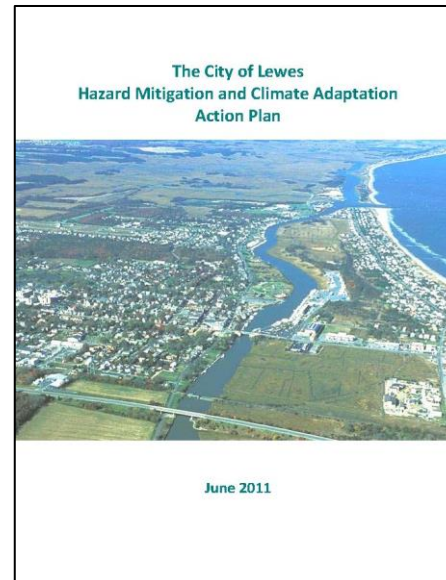
- Identifies and prioritizes risks and vulnerabilities
- Outlines actions to reduce risks and vulnerabilities
- Allows you to better compete for grant funding
- Implementing the plan



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## Examples:

- City of Lewes Hazard Mitigation & Climate Adaptation Action Plan

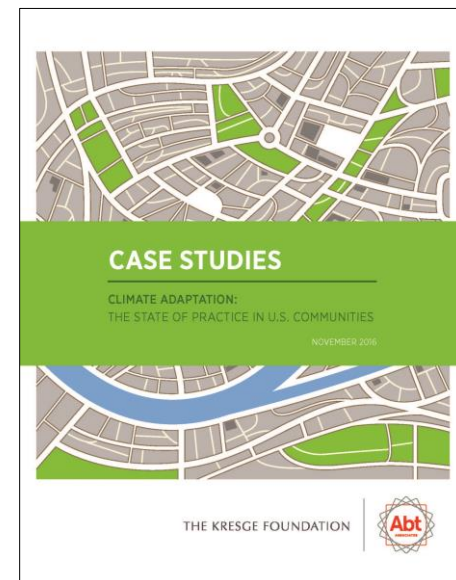
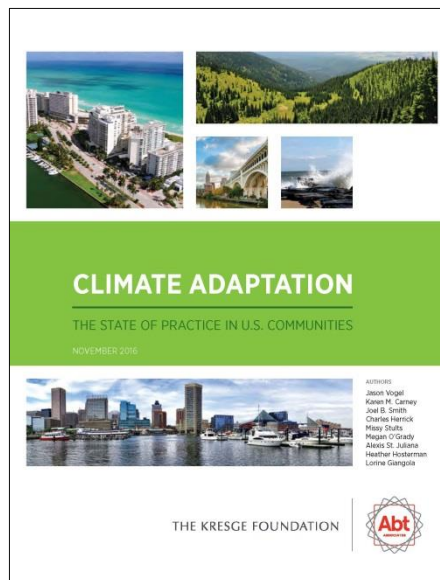


# Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment & Action Plan

## Examples:

### Climate Adaptation: The State of Practice in U.S. Communities.

in-depth review of the actions 17 communities are taking to address extreme weather events such as floods and heat waves, as well as climate variability and climate Change



# Natural Areas Inventory & Conservation Plan

## What it is:

- Inventory of natural resources
  - forests, wetlands, buffers, trees, surface and ground waters, & farmland
- Specifies actions to protect important natural resources

## Why it is beneficial to a town:

- Identifies the natural resources that make a place special
- Highlights the economic, social, & public health benefits
- Outlines strategies to ensure management and preservation for future generations



# What is Not Eligible!

- Project specific proposals → projects need to be community-wide assessment and planning
- Construction projects
- Engineering designs & blueprints
- Planning requirement by state or federal law such as municipal and county comprehensive or plans related federal clean water standards

**If in doubt about your project eligibility, contact us!**





# Components of a Successful Grant Project



- Creates an **actionable plan**
- Develops **Partnerships**
- **Engages** the community
- Increases Community **Capacity**
- Considers Environmental Justice & **Equity**
- Has support of **community leaders**
- Provides **matching** funds/staff





# Proposal Requirements

- Completed Grant Application
- Budget table(s)
- Match Documentation
- Commitment letters and letters of support



# Grant Applicants must provide “Match”

## ➔ Requirements: 20% in-kind or Cash

Examples of qualifying in-kind match:

staff time, volunteer hours,  
equipment and supplies, and meeting  
room rentals

## ➔ Five Extra Review Points: 30% or more in in-kind or cash



# It Is A competitive Grant!

Make sure:

- Submit a **complete application**
- Project fall under one of the **four categories**
- Provide sufficient project **matching**
- **Score high** in the review and ranking process



# Proposal Review & Selection Criteria

<b>Project Outcome</b> <b>(15 Points)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scope and depth of the proposal in addressing sustainability and/or resiliency needs &amp; aspirations</li><li>• Connections to existing local plans, ordinances &amp; codes</li><li>• Feasibility of project timeline &amp; scope</li></ul>
<b>Partnership</b> <b>(10 Points)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collaboration &amp; partnership with community-based organizations, non-profit organizations, or academic institutions</li><li>• Coordination and collaboration between different levels of government</li></ul>
<b>Community Outreach</b> <b>(10 Points)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public involvement for data gathering, assessment, setting goals, &amp; developing recommendations</li><li>• Plans to disseminate results and findings to citizens</li></ul>
<b>Project Outcome</b> <b>(15 Points)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mayor, council, or city manager commitment</li><li>• Producing an actionable plan</li><li>• Creation of performance metrics &amp; methods to assess progress toward goals</li></ul>



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<b>Capacity Building</b> <b>(15 Points)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enhances community's ability to implement future programs through training and education</li><li>• Promotes partnerships among staff from different departments, citizens, and stakeholder groups, or</li><li>• Creation of a workgroup (such as <i>Green Team</i> or an <i>Environmental Committee</i>) to steer the project</li></ul>
<b>Equity</b> <b>(15 Points)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Involves and engages vulnerable populations</li><li>• Considers the needs of vulnerable populations &amp; leads to actions that improve quality of life or reduce risks</li></ul>
<b>Budget and Feasibility</b> <b>(15 Points)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Budget is detailed, complete &amp; understandable</li><li>• Match is clearly defined</li><li>• Funding requests are feasible &amp; reasonable</li></ul>
<b>Match</b> <b>(5 Points)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 30% or more in in-kind, cash or a combination of in-kind and cash match</li></ul>



# Ready to Get Started?

- Ask yourself:

**Does my project create a roadmap for the community?**

- Call us:
  - Assistance is available from staff
  - To discuss your project ideas, questions or for guidance
- Proposals are due on **June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**



# Ready to Get Started?

- Visit [www.de.gov/sustainablecommunities](http://www.de.gov/sustainablecommunities)
  - Grant Application and Instructions
  - Additional Resources
  - FAQ
- Review available plans and community surveys
  - Build this grant project on previous community work
- Call your partners!
  - Share ideas and start developing your proposals now



# Q & A

Please type your questions in the chat panel or ask over the phone when prompted.

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